

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 98-238-C - ORDER NO. 98-511

JULY 6, 1998

IN RE: Application of America's Tele-Network for	)	ORDER GRANTING
Approval of Alternative Regulatory	)	ALTERNATIVE
Authority.	)	REGULATORY
	)	AUTHORITY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of America's Tele-Network (the Company) for approval of alternative regulatory treatment in the provision of telecommunications services. The Company seeks the same regulatory treatment for its business services as set out and described in Commission Orders No. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. Specifically, the Company proposes (1) that its business service offering tariffs not be required to indicate maximum rates, (2) that its business tariff filings be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right to within seven (7) days to institute an investigation of the tariff, in which case such filings shall not be suspended pending further Order of the Commission, and (3) that it shall be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly regulated companies.

The Commission's Executive Director directed the Company to publish one time a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas. The purpose of the Notice was to advise the public as to how to participate in the proceedings before

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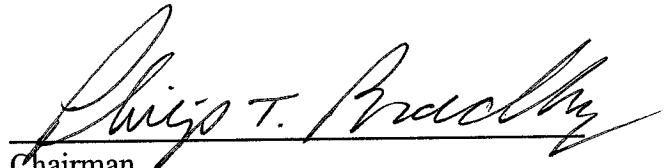
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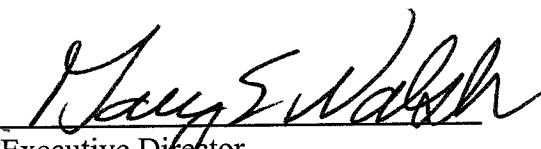
the Commission. The Company furnished an affidavit, showing that it had complied with the instructions of the Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

Accordingly, the Commission has examined this matter, and determined that the request should be granted as filed, and is therefore granted, under the terms described above. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Acting Executive Director

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